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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 HECTOR JAVIER ESPINO-SOLORIO,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 ICE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR,

12 Respondent.

Case No. C20-103-RSL-MLP

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
APPOINT COUNSEL AND
APPOINTING FEDERAL PUBLIC
DEFENDER

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14 This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 immigration habeas action. Currently before the Court is
15 Petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel. (Dkt. # 7.) Respondent did not oppose the
16 motion.

17 When the interests of justice so require, the Court may appoint counsel to represent any
18 financially eligible individual who is seeking relief under § 2241. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B).
19 Although Petitioner did not qualify to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this action, his *in forma*
20 *pauperis* application demonstrates that he is financially unable to obtain counsel. In addition, the
21 Court has reviewed the record in this case and determines that the interest of justice require the
22 appointment of counsel. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS Petitioner's motion to appoint counsel
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1 (dkt. # 7) and APPOINTS the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington to
2 represent Petitioner in these proceedings.

3 **Within 14 days** of the date of this Order, the Federal Public Defender shall enter an
4 appearance. **Within 21 days** of the date of this Order, (1) Petitioner shall file an amended habeas
5 petition, or (2) the parties shall meet, confer, and propose a new noting date for the
6 Government's motion to dismiss in order to allow the Federal Public Defender time to prepare
7 and file a response on Petitioner's behalf.

8 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the Honorable
9 Robert S. Lasnik.

10 Dated this 14 day of April, 2020.

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12 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
13 United States Magistrate Judge
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